**Demonstration by Trade Unions**

4363. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whetheF trade unions organised demonstrations before the ESI pffices on 18th June, 1998 in different parts of the tountry;

(b) if so, the issues involved in these dempnstrations; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR(pR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The issues involved in the demonstration related inter alia to elimination of corruptipn/malpractices in the ESIC, mairrfenance of adequate supply of medicines in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries, initiation of drastic action against defaulting employers, grant of exemption to non-contributory schemes etc. Necessary action as provided under the ESI Act/rules is already being taken for redressal of the grievances.

**Census for Women Agricultural Workers of Gujarat**

4364. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have got done a census about women agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the findings thereof, district-wise;

(c) what maternity and other facilities are available to the women agricultural workers of the State at present; and

(d) what other facilities are likely to be extended to them by Central and State Govenunents?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR(DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) No Census bas been specifically conducted about women agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat. However, according to the 1991 Census, the total female agricultural workers in the State of Gujarat is 2,476,323. District-wise number of female agricultural workers is enclosed at statement *(see* below).

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Govt, of Gujarat, the facilities of the following schemes are extended to fhem;

(i) Group Insurance Scheme for land less Agricultural workers.

(ii) Shramik Suraksha Yojna.

(iii) Medical Assistance in serious diseases.

The following facilities are likely to be extended to them by the State Government in 9th Five year Plan:

(i) Assistance to women Dwacra Groups for the marketing of their products.

(ii) Assistance for the establishment of Voluntary Organisation of Rural Women Workers.

**Statement**

*Total Female Agricultural Workers (Main+Marginal) in the State of Gujarat (District-wise):*

| S. No. | State/District | Female agricultural Workers |
|---|---|---|
| | GUJARAT | 2,476,323 |
| 1. | Jamnagar | 43,168 |
| 2. | Rajkot | 69,165 |
| 3. | Surendranagar | 84,311 |
| 4. | Bhavnagar | 125,312 |
| 5. | Amreli | 64,398 |
| 6. | Junagadh | 110,611 |
| 7. | Kachchh | 63,011 |
| 8. | Banas Kantha | 134,822 |
| 9. | Sabar Kantha | 140,766 |
| 10. | Mahesana | 234,913 |
| 11. | Gaqdhinagar | 15,869 |
| 12. | Ahmedabad | 134,728 |
| 13. | Kheda | 246,181 |
| 14. | Pancb Mahals | 250,501 |
| 15. | Vadodara | 231,988 |
| 16. | Bharuch | 153,092 |
| 17. | Surat | 217,086 |
| 18. | Valsad | 149,439 |
| 19. | The Dangs | 6,962 |